

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Investigated by E. A. Page on April 3, 1933 ~~March 25, 1933~~ -Fatal

1. Employer of Injured Pacific Fruit Express Company
2. Address of employer 64 Pine Street, San Francisco
3. Employer's Insurance Carrier Self insured
4. Name of Injured Charles E. Wyberg
5. Address of Injured 321 C Street, Roseville
6. How employed when injured Car repairer
7. Wages of Injured Sixty-nine cents (\$.69) per hour
8. Address- Place of injury Pacific Fruit Express Co. Shops, Roseville
9. Name and Address of Doctor L. E. Jones Roseville
10. Name and Address of Hospital S.P.R.R. Emergency
11. Date of Injury March 25, 1933 Time A.M. 1:45 P.M.
12. Date of Death " 25, 1933 Time A.M. 2:00 P.M.
(pronounced dead)
13. Will accident result in a permanent disability.
14. Nature and extent of Injury. Severe crushed chest and comminuted fracture of the right upper arm.
15. Name and Addresses of Witnesses. Manley G. Levee, 141 Earl Ave., Roseville.
Ed. F. Hazen, 2224 - 29th St., Sacramento
16. Name, relationship and address of nearest relative. Wife and child, five or six years old, 321 C St., Roseville.
17. Was injury due to the violation of any order of the Commission? No.
18. How did accident occur and what precautions might have prevented it.

If deceased had not got under car until after car body had been securely landed on standees, accident would not have happened.

According to Superintendent H.E. Moe and C.R. Hamilton, General foreman, the deceased, together with Ed. F. Hazen and Manley G. Levee, was working on P.F.E. Car No. 10034 jacking up one end of car, to set same on standees, so that the truck on that end could be rolled from under for repairs.

cc Mr. Snyder
Mr. ~~White~~ Burke
Mr. Fry
Mr. Macdonald
Mrs. Burbank
Employer's File
L. A. Elevator File
Elevator File
Coroner Leland

Hazen and Levee set the jack under the draw bar guide the customary way and Wyberg gave them a hand on the jack lever to raise the car body up off the truck. Hazen went to one side of the car while Levee went to the other, to place standees and place shim between standee and jack lug.

Hazen placed his standee and shim in place and then proceeded toward the jack to meet Levee and let the car body down onto the standees. Just as he cleared the car, he heard Levee call "look out"; glancing back he saw carbody slide sideways toward him and come to rest on standee on his side, ~~but~~ not under lug but on end cross truss beam, while on Levee's side the standee was left standing clear, the car body having moved sideways about 15 inches. Hazen then noticed Wyberg under the car, jammed between car wheel and longitudinal center beam.

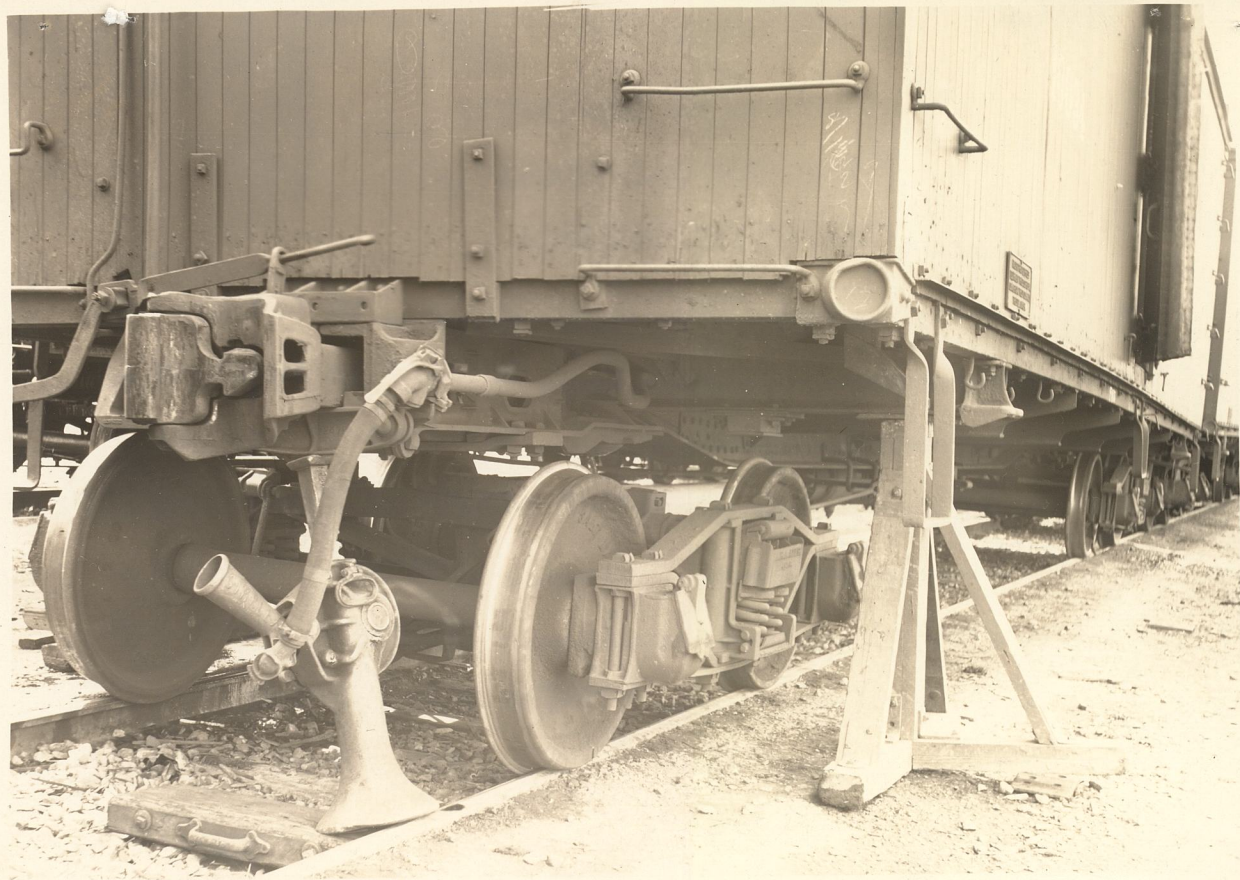
Wyberg, unknown to his companions, had got under car and between truck wheel and center beam to remove the pin in the brake lever and rod connection. Calling for help, Hazen and Levee reset the jack, which was still carrying part of load at an angle, and jacked the car body back enough to remove the injured man, who was immediately rushed to the Southern Pacific Company's Emergency Hospital, where, upon arrival only a few minutes after the accident, he was pronounced dead by Dr. L. E. Jones.

Mr. Hamilton stated that Wyberg had been in the employ of the Pacific Fruit Express Company for the last nine years and was a careful workman but of a nervous disposition. Mr. Hamilton further stated it was against the rules of the Company to go under cars while they were being raised, and that, since the accident, orders have been issued that the pin referred to must be removed before car is raised, and replaced after car is down.

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PFE 10034 car involving fatal accident to Charles E. Wyberg at Roseville Shops March 25, 1933 at about 1:45 to 2:00 PM.

Picture shows corner section of car BR and shows jack in position as used to push car body towards center of truck to release body. Also shows location of standee crowded in on body bolster from under roping and jacking casting.